



Technical Assistance Exchange March 27, 2013

A weekly update for Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Community Living Programs, Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Programs, Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Service Program and their Partners

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ACL to Fund Business Acumen Targeted Technical Assistance

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) announces an [Opportunity](#) for coalitions or networks of community-based aging and disability organizations to participate in a learning collaborative and receive targeted technical assistance related to business acumen. No direct funding will be provided through this initiative; rather, this collaborative will deliver targeted technical assistance through a variety of different means, as noted within the announcement. Applications are due on **THIS** Friday, March 29.

Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge

In celebration of Older Americans Month 2013, ACL announced the [Unleash the Power of Age in Your Community Challenge](#). Organizations are invited to recognize older Americans by nominating people 60 or older who are putting their talents and expertise toward inspirational achievements in their communities and beyond.

Nominees can be volunteers or paid professionals whose contributions are improving society as a whole. Examples of eligible activities include civic engagement, creative arts, and technology and innovation.

After an initial screening process nominations will be evaluated by a panel of judges who will then select the top 10 entries. These finalists will be posted on Challenge.gov, and the public will be invited to vote to select the most inspirational individuals.

National ADRC Evaluation and SART

The Administration for Community Living is sponsoring an independent National Evaluation of the ADRC Initiative, which is being conducted by IMPAQ International and Abt Associates. Two surveys will be fielded next month as part of the National Evaluation:

- 1) State-Level Process Survey: to be completed by ADRC state project directors and/or program staff (one survey per state)
- 2) Local-Level Process Survey: to be completed by ADRC project directors and/or program staff (one survey per ADRC site).

These surveys will gather information critical to the evaluation

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related to ADRC models, structure, participating organizations, partnerships, and services. All ADRC state and local sites are strongly encouraged to participate. Participation in this survey will ensure that grantees maintain compliance with their required semi-annual reporting for the past 6 months. **These surveys will replace almost all of the regular SART questions for ADRC grantees at the state and local level this reporting period. No additional reporting will be required.**

The surveys will be available for completion through the web-based Semi-Annual Reporting Tool (SART) system starting April 1 and all ADRCs are encouraged to complete and submit their surveys by April 30. For more information about the National Evaluation and training about how to access and use the SART, please join one of the following webinar trainings:

SART and ADRC National Evaluation Training

April 4, 2013, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

[Register Here](#)

SART and ADRC National Evaluation Training (repeated)

April 18, 2013, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

[Register Here](#)

New Resources



[Release of Alzheimer's Association 2013 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures](#)

The Alzheimer's Association recently released the 2013 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. This comprehensive report contains the latest on prevalence, mortality, impact on caregivers, and cost to the nation. The report also contains data on the impact of Alzheimer's disease in every state across the nation.

Vermont recently shared some resources. Many of these are used in Options Counseling.



[VT Options Counseling Intake Form](#)

Vermont's ADRC partner agencies use this form to collect consumer information and record desired goals, guide counseling, and assist in follow up when performing options counseling.



[VT Options Counseling Take Home-Action Plan](#)

Vermont's ADRC partner agencies use this form to create Action Plans with individuals during options counseling to organize next steps towards their goals. It has places for key resources, contact information, next steps, due dates, and roles for the various people helping.



[VT Options Counseling Follow Up Form](#)

Vermont's ADRC partner agencies use this form to collect information during follow up after providing options counseling.



[Vermont Section Q and NH Transition Referral Form](#)

Vermont ADRC partners and the MFP program finalized this Section Q and Nursing Home Transition referral form. This form is used to refer all individuals who answer "yes" to the MDS 3.0 Question Q0500B and for all individuals who express a desire to transition out of a nursing home, regardless of whether this request was part of the MDS 3.0 assessment to the Local Contact Agencies. This form may be sent via fax, phone, or electronically.

Upcoming Events/ Webinars

1) What the Pension Rights Center Can Do for You and Your Clients

This webinar is a joint sponsorship of the National Council on Aging (NCOA) and the [Pension Rights Center](#). You are invited to join the speakers for a discussion on what the Pension Rights Center can do for you.

*Friday, March 29, 2013, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM ET

[*Register Here](#)

2) Improving Care Transitions: Engaging Older Patients on the Issue of Preventing Re-Hospitalization

This webinar, hosted by the National Council on Aging and sponsored by IlluminAge, will examine some of the resources and best practices available at the community level for educating and engaging with older patients and their caregivers on the issue of avoiding re-hospitalization.

***Thursday, April 4, 2013, 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM ET**

[*Register Here](#)

Upcoming Conferences

Some events in the upcoming months of possible interest to the ADRC community are open for registration.

1) 2013 Disability Policy Seminar

Every day millions of Americans with intellectual and developmental disabilities are impacted by the public policy decisions - big and small -- made by their representatives in Congress. And each year, hundreds of advocates attend the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. to learn more about and discuss the hottest topics in disability public policy. This seminar is an opportunity to advance the grassroots movement for people with I/DD and make sure your elected officials know what's important to you. Two days of informative in-depth sessions from disability policy experts and opportunities to network with others from your state will culminate in a third day starting off with breakfast on Capitol Hill before you personally meet with your elected representatives and their staffs.

***April 15-17, 2013**

***Washington, D.C.**

[*Register Here](#)

2) NASDDDS Mid-Year Conference

State developmental disabilities leaders know that supporting families is a vital component of a responsive and effective service system. The conference will provide opportunities to: Gain practical ideas for state implementation strategies; Have extensive exchanges with thought leaders from other countries and the U.S., and Learn from states engaged in efforts to support families.

***May 9-10, 2013**

***Oklahoma City, OK**

[*More Information](#)

[*Register Here](#)

3) AIRS Conference

The 35th Annual Training and Education Conference has the theme: Blazing the Trail in I&R. It will feature opportunities to learn from top thought leaders in a wide variety of educational sessions and network with your peers.

*June 2-5, 2013

*Portland, OR

*[More Information](#)

*[Register Here](#) (Early Bird Ends April 5)

4) Academy Health Annual Research Meeting

For 30 years, AcademyHealth's ARM has been a forum for health services research, where more than 2,400 attendees gather to discuss health policy implications, sharpen research methods, and network with colleagues from around the world. The ARM program is designed for health services researchers, providers, key decision makers, clinicians, graduate students, and research analysts.

*June 23-25, 2013

*Baltimore, MD

*[More Information](#)

*[Register Here](#) (Early Bird Ends April 26)

TAE Update of the Week:

Overwhelmed by all the resources on the [New Resources](#) page? Did you know that you can sort them using the circle icons? Simply click the circle matching what you're interested in, and only resources in that category will appear. Some of these categories are: [Grantee Created Resources](#), [TAE Created Resources](#), and [VD-HCBS Resources](#).

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